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(Case No. 98,162-B)

PATENT

In the Application of:

DeGendt, et al.) Examiner: Ahmed
Serial No.: 09/207,546) Group Art Unit: 1746
Filing Date: December 8, 1998) Confirmation No.: 6949
For: Method for Removing Organic)
Contaminants from a)
Semiconductor Surface)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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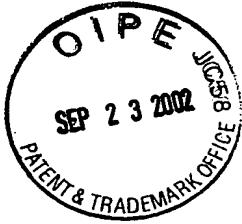
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METHOD FOR REMOVING ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS FROM A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

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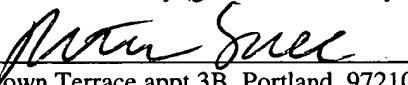
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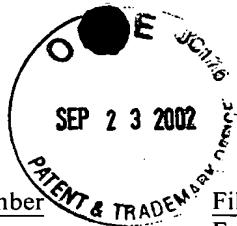
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